

1-1 By: Armbrister S.B. No. 1379
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2003; March 19, 2003, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources;
1-4 April 24, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; April 24, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the authority of a municipality to enforce water
1-9 conservation and drought ordinances.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 402, Local Government
1-12 Code, is amended by adding Section 402.106 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 402.106. ENFORCEMENT OF WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT
1-14 ORDINANCES. (a) A municipality with a population of more than
1-15 1,000 may impose a fine for the violation of a water conservation or
1-16 drought ordinance by including the amount of the fine in the monthly
1-17 water bill issued by the municipality if a schedule of fines is
1-18 clearly displayed on the monthly bill.

1-19 (b) A customer may appeal a fine imposed as provided by this
1-20 section to municipal court.

1-21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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